



Weekly Update

September 3, 2021
Trinity Lutheran Church
Tea, SD

Dear Beloved of Trinity,

As I sit in my office after my Sabbatical, these thoughts run through my mind:

- What a privilege it was to experience a Sabbatical.
- How grateful I am to this congregation for granting me time off.
- How grateful I am to God for this congregation of loving disciples of Christ.
- How excited I am to be back in ministry with you.

I am thinking a lot about the word, joy. Happiness is based on external circumstances, like getting enough sleep, being with friends, getting to facetime grandkids, time with my husband. But joy is internal. It is deep seeded, planted by the only one who knows my soul. God gives us pure joy for those days when our circumstances are dire. God reminds us that joy is a gift that resides in us always.

Our mouths were filled with laughter, our tongues with songs of joy. Then it was said among the nations, "The Lord has done great things for them." The Lord has done great things for us, and we are filled with joy. *Psalm 126:2-3*

My prayer for you this week is to experience the joy of the Lord. If you are an early riser, smile when you see the sunrise over the horizon. Throughout your day, give thanks for the many blessings in your life – your child's voice, a good cup of coffee (or whatever your drink of choice is), the promise of God's presence in tough times.....dwell on these things that bring you joy, my friends. Give thanks in all things.

And as you go about your day, whistle, hum or sing, "I've got the joy, joy, joy, joy down in my heart...where? Down in my heart....where? down in my heart. I've got the joy, joy, joy, joy down in my heart, down in my heart to stay!"

In faith,

Deacon Christie

Attendance, Sunday—134

CHURCH FINANCES

Week of August 30

\$10,625

Total Operating Expenses

\$ 10,437

Actual Total Giving

\$ 188

This one number represents all expenses including staff costs, benevolences, supplies, outreach, and our mortgage payment. If you have questions regarding the budget, please contact Tommy Pollema at 321-3057. **Ways to Give:** Online Giving: <https://teatrinity.breezechms.com/give/online>
Text Giving: (605) 777-7223 Envelopes: In-person or mail to the church

Our September Globe offering goes to Feeding South Dakota Backpack Program Support

CHURCH CALENDAR

Sunday—9-5 In-Person and Online Worship at 9am

Monday—Labor Day Office is Closed

Tuesday—6:30am Men's Breakfast; 8pm Executive Board Meets

Wednesday—8:30 am Preschool; 6:00pm KFC Parent Meeting

Thursday—5:30pm TOPS

Friday—8:30am Preschool

Sunday— FALL SCHEDULE: In-Person 8am & 10:30am Worship; Online worship at 10:30am

Are you or someone you know in need of a HOME DELIVERED MEAL? Meals on Wheels of the Sioux Empire is currently looking at starting a home delivery route in Tea.



Meals on Wheels serves up a fresh, nutritious meal delivered directly to your home. You can receive a noon meal 3-5 days a week Monday - Friday. Anyone over the age of 60 is eligible for the program. Meals on Wheels are an affordable choice, the minimum suggested donation is \$4.00. Call Active Generations at 605-333-3304 if you are interested in getting more information or if you want to get signed

Sunday School and KFC registration is open! We are needing lots of volunteers, background checks will be completed. To register: <https://www.teatrinity.org/education/sunday-school-signup>

We are going to begin a new 6 week Bible Study on Oct. 4 at 7 pm. in the Fellowship Hall. Please e-mail or call the church office to sign up by September 20. It will be Prayer and Listening by Jan Johnson. Contact Kathy Otten with questions. 359-1273.



Preschool is in session! We eased into the first week of preschool with lots of exploring, giggling, learning, playing and making new friends. The children seems so eager to learn and many of them are already friends which has made the first week a smooth transition for everyone!

Questions?

Please contact Janita Holman at info@teatrinity.org for any office related questions.

MILESTONE MINISTRY

I love this time of year when Milestones begin. Milestones are a way for parents and caring adults to keep the promises made at Baptism. Milestones are “*steps along the way*” on a lifelong journey of faith. God’s promises are always kept, and grace is a gift we receive through Baptism regardless of what we do. Milestones help parents and children *live into* this gift and use it every day. Trinity offers Milestones for 4-year-olds through 12th grade. Deacon Christie teaches the Milestone lessons, and we typically meet in the Fellowship Hall. Watch for a flyer in the mail when it is your child’s time for Milestone.

4 year old Bibles – Sunday, September 12 at either service, we will be handing our story bibles to our 4 year olds. If you have a 5 year old who did not receive one, you are invited to come forward also.

3rd Grade Milestone lessons – Sunday, September 19 and 26, It’s Bible Time! Come learn about what the Bible is all about. Receive and Bible and decorate a Bible cover. Meet Deacon Christie in the Fellowship Hall at 9:15am. Blessing Sunday is October 3rd.

9am Worship

Sunday, September 5, 2021

Trinity Lutheran Church, Tea, SD

Teatrinity.org – 605-498-2343



15th Sunday After Pentecost

GATHERING

Welcome and Announcements

Song "Let us Build a House"

ELW 641

Confession

L: Blessed be the holy Trinity: the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen

L: Sisters and brothers, bear with one another in love, maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace, and take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness, but instead expose them. Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Pause for silence and reflection.

L: Holy and gracious God,

C: we confess that we have not led a life worthy of the calling to which we have been called. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We have not acted according to your will. We have grieved your Holy Spirit. Have mercy on us. Forgive us according to the riches of your grace. Make us holy and blameless before you in love, so that we might live to the praise of your glory. Amen.

L: In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for this sake God forgives us all our sins. You who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ.

C: Amen

Prayer of the Day Gracious God, throughout the ages you transform sickness into health and death into life. Open us to the power of your presence and make us a people ready to proclaim your promises to the whole world, through Jesus Christ, our healer and Lord. Amen

WORD

First Reading: Isaiah 35:4-7a

Psalm 146

L: 1 Praise the LORD! Praise the LORD, O my soul!

C: I will praise the LORD as long as I live; I will sing praises to my God all my life long.

L: Do not put your trust in princes, in mortals, in whom there is no help.

C: When their breath departs, they return to the earth; on that very day their plans perish.

L: Happy are those whose help is the God of Jacob, whose hope is in the LORD their God,

C: who made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them; who keeps faith for ever;

L: who executes justice for the oppressed; who gives food to the hungry. The LORD sets the prisoners free;

C: the LORD opens the eyes of the blind. The LORD lifts up those who are bowed down; the LORD loves the righteous.

L: The LORD watches over the strangers; he upholds the orphan and the widow, but the way of the wicked he brings to ruin.

C: The LORD will reign for ever, your God, O Zion, for all generations. Praise the LORD!

Preaching Text: Mark 7:24-37

L: The Word of the Lord **C: Thanks be to God**

Sermon Deacon Christie Meier

Sermon Hymn Power of Your Love

Holy Baptism Eden Robin Hartley, daughter of Cory & CeAnna Hartley
Sponsored by Jeremy Pruitt & Kristina Schuelke

Sharing the Peace

The Offering is gathered

Offering Song *Let the Vineyard Be Fruitful* ELW #184

Prayers of the People

We pray for members and friends of our congregation: Stewart Franzen, Mike Westall, Steve Jelen's dad – Gene and brother – Jamie, Sarah Hilmoe's uncle Fred Tidemann. Jami Atkin's dad – Kevin Roth, Melissa Jelen's mom – Janice Myrmoe, Shelly Johnson's mom – Gloria Beukelman

The Lord's Prayer

Blessing

SENDING

Sending Song I'm So Glad Jesus Lifted Me ELW 860

Sending

L: God is good.

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L: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord!

C: Thanks be to God!